

I CLAIM:

1 - 3 (Cancelled)

4. (New) A shoe for diminishing vertical and horizontal heel pressure comprising:  
a midsole with a cavity, a plurality of voids located within the cavity, the cavity conformed to  
accommodate a floating laminated cushion assembly;  
a lower stiffened fixed counter connected to the midsole;  
an upper portion of the floating laminated cushion assembly is formed with a terrace at the top of  
the cushion followed beneath by a plurality of generally concentric terraces or partial  
terraces increasing in area until reaching a lower portion of the floating laminated cushion  
assembly;  
a plurality of calibrated compression springs located in the voids of the midsole;  
an upper having a waist portion;  
the lower stiffened fixed counter is attached to the midsole and meets upwardly adjacently with a  
supple upper floating counter which is attached to a padded floating collar; and  
a floating adjusting strap is attached to the lower part of the supple upper floating counter and  
covers a major part of the lower stiffened fixed counter, unsecured ends of the floating  
adjusting strap extending forwardly from supple upper floating counter over the waist,  
fastening devices attached to said unsecured ends which mate with fastening devices  
attached to the waist which provides the means of securing and adjusting travel of the  
padded floating collar.